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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF COMMERCE FERNANDEZ-CUESTA'S CALL
ON SECRETARY DENT

1. DCM WAS REQUESTED CALL ON BASSOLS, DIRECTOR GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MFA, MORNING SEPT. 25. IT WAS ANTICIPATED BASSOLS WOULD RENEW GOS COMPLAINTS ON USG COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION; HOWEVER, THAT SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH RAISED, WAS NOT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT. BASSOLS EXPLAINED FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA HAD CHARGED HIM ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE US TO ENSURE THAT THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE DID OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY DENT AND THAT THE USG WAS AWARE OF THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THAT CALL. REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ADVISE SECRETARY DENT MIN COMMERCE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE BILATERAL TRADE POSITION GENERALLY, ADDING THAT IN THIS CONTEXT, MINISTER WOULD HAVE TO REFER TO THE COUNTER-VAILING DUTY CASE AND EFFECTS OF US ACTIONS ON THE SPANISH BUT NOT WITH ANY INTENT WHATEVER TO REOPEN CURRENT ISSUE. OTHER TOPICS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE; THE SPANISH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND ITS OUTLOOK IN THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATION

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WITH THE UNITED STATES IN DEALING WITH THE CRISIS; THE

ENERGY SITUATION AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ENERGY ORGANIZATIONS BEING FORMED AND THE SPANISH ROLE IN THEM; ALSO US MEASURES TO CONSERVE ENERGY. BASSOLS EMPHASIZED MIN COMMERCE WOULD NOT BE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE ANYTHING BUT ONLY TO DISCUSS WITH HIS COUNTERPART BILATERAL OR COMMON INTEREST COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS.

2. DCM INFORMED BASSOLS TIME FOR MEETING BETWEEN MINISTERS HAD BEEN CONFIRMED AND AGREED TO REPORT BASSOLS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND SCOPE.
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